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March 24, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Responsive to the Official Action of March 4, 2008 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicant elects the subject matter of claims 1-8, 15 and 58-60, Group I. This response is made without traverse. It is expected this requirement will be made final in the next communication from the examiner.

Please examine the elected claims on the merits taking into account:

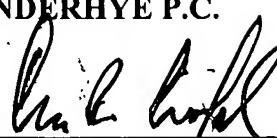
- (1) the documents cited in the International Search Report in the underlying PCT application and the Information Disclosure Statement related thereto filed January 9, 2006, and
- (2) the International Preliminary Examination Report on Patentability submitted on June 16, 2006.

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